

Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission
Monday March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Bristol Historical Society, 98 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

ATTENDEES: Chairman Michael Saman
Commissioner Linda Arbesman
Commissioner Thomas Laporte
Commissioner Stanley Piotrowski
Council Member Panioto

ABSENT:
Commissioner Nicole Laporte

ALSO PRESENT:
Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, City of Bristol
Matt Warshauer, Central Connecticut State University

1. Call to Order

Chairman Saman called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Laporte to accept the December 12, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

All in favor; motion passed

4. Old Business by Commissioners

- Grave stones in Mine Brook.
 - No updates.

5. New Business by Commissioners

- Welcome Matt Warshauer from CCSU – Civil War Monument in West Cemetery. Conservation needs.
 - Matt Warshauer from CCSU provided an overview of the Civil War monument located in West Cemetery. Based on the analysis performed by a stone conservator, the recommended repairs/refurbishments could cost up to \$180K. The basic recommendations for the monument include spraying it with D/2 and a consolidating agent. Due to its condition, the monument/eagle should be stored indoors. The washing and chemical bonding should be done this summer. The stone conservator and Mr. Warshauer will put together an itemized estimate of the cost for repairs. It is also recommended that the Commission look into getting West Cemetery on the State Historic Register. This

would open up opportunities for grants. Travelers has also expressed interest in helping with the costs. The Commission discussed repairing the monument in stages and starting with critical recommendations first. Once the first phase is done, the Commission will decide how far to go with the other repairs. There was also a discussion regarding any restrictions that would be encountered if the Cemetery was put on the State Historic Register.

- Pepin Steel work to be done at North Cemetery-schedule pending.
 - No updates.
- Work on software program for locating gravestones at North Cemetery.
 - No updates.
- QR Codes on selected Cemetery Stones.
 - No updates.
- Lantern Tour at West Cemetery.
 - The Commission discussed ideas for the 2022 Lantern Tour including scheduling, volunteer participation, supplies, etc. There will be further discussion at the next meeting to lay the groundwork. The Commission will start contacting volunteers. Ideally, the tour would mimic the one done by Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

6. Any other business proper to come before the Meeting

- Wreaths across America - North Cemetery was registered for the 2022 program. Fundraising has already started and Commissioner Arbesman will bring more information to the April meeting.
- United Way Day of Caring – United Way reached out to Chairman Saman asking if the Commission is interested in participating in this year's Day of Caring (May 20, 2022).

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Piotrowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Arbesman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Saman, Chairman